

**The Mary Merrill Memorial Award  
for  
Outstanding Feature Article  
in  
*The International Journal of Volunteer Administration***

Mary Merrill, L.S.W., dedicated her entire life to the betterment of the human condition through volunteerism and voluntary action. An internationally renowned consultant, she served for five years as Editor-In-Chief of the former *Journal of Volunteer Administration (JOVA)*. At the time of her untimely death in February 2006, Mary was working diligently to preserve and continue *The JOVA* in light of tumultuous and unexpected change in the volunteer administration profession at the national level.

The Mary Merrill Memorial Award for Outstanding Article in *The International Journal of Volunteer Administration* has been established in her honor by the Editorial Board and staff of *The IJOVA*. The Award is presented annually to the author(s) of a published Feature Article that best exemplifies Mary's lifelong dedication to improving volunteerism and volunteer administration internationally.

One Award is made for each published volume of *The IJOVA* and includes (1) a check for \$500 (to be divided equally among co-authors) and (2) individual plaques for each co-author. All published Feature Articles are automatically considered for the Award. Award selection involves a blind review process of non-IJOVA affiliated scholars/practitioners, coordinated by *The IJOVA's* Associate Editor. Editorial Board members are not eligible for the Award; however, IJOVA reviewers are eligible. The Award is presented to the recipient(s) at an appropriate national professional conference to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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